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SUBJECT: KOREA

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1. WE WERE UNABLE TO OBTAIN APPOINTMENT WITH APPROPRIATE MFA
OFFICIAL UNTIL AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 2, WHEN MFA IO CHIEF
HARALD ROSE RECEIVED DCM.

2. DCM MADE POINTS IN REFTTEL, STRSSING THAT GDR
CO-SPONSORSHIP OF TOTALLY BIAISED AUGUST 16 DRAFT KOREAN
RESOLUTION, PARTICULARLY AT A TIME WHEN AMERICAN PUBLIC
AND USG AR DEEPLY UPSET OVER BRUTAL MURDER OF TWO
AMERICAN OFFICERS IN DMZ, WAS OFFENSIVE TO US, AND IS
NEITHER CONDUCTIVE TO CONSTRUCTIVE RESOLUTUION OF KOREAN
ISSUE NOR TO POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT OF US/GDR RELATIONS,
WHICH WERE ONLY TWO YEARS OLD. WE SAW NO GOOD REASON WHY
GDR FINDS IT NECESSARY TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THIS MANNER
IN A MATER FAR REMOVD FROM EUROPE. GDR SUPPORT FOR THE
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AUGUST 16 RESOLUTION COULD NO BUT BURDEN US/GDR

RELATIONS.

3. ROSE BROKE IN TO EXPRESS " SURPRISE" NOTING THAT THE GDR POSITION WAS CONSISTENT, " PRINCIPLED" ONE. GDR HAD SUPPORTED A SIMILAR UN RESOLUTION LAST YEAR, AND EARLIER, AND SAW NO REASONS TO MODIFY ITS SUPPORT BECAUSE OF THE RECENT INCIDENTS. THE GDR HAD DEVELOPED ITS POSITION NOT IN ISOLATION, BUT IN COORDINATION WITH A LARGE CIRCLE OF STATES " YOU HAVE YOUR ALLIES AND WE HAVE OURS. IT COULD NOT, THEREFORE, CHANGE ITS STAND BY ITSELF. IN ADDITION, THE GDR POSITION IS CONSISTENT WITH THE STAND TAKEN AT THE COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED MEETING. FOR THESE REASONS ONE SHOULD NOT EXPECT THE GDR TO CHANGE ITS BASIC POSITION , I.E. SUPPORT OF NORTH KOREA, DEMAND FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN FORCES, AND A PEACE TREATY, ALTHOUGH THERE COULD BE DIFFERENT TACTICS TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS.

4. DCM REJOINED, SAYING THAT IN USG VIEW THE BEST WAY TO ACHIEVE A CONSTRUCTIVE SOLUTION TO THE ISSUE WAS NOT THROUGH THE AUGUST 16 RESOLUTION BUT BY NEGOTIATIONS AMONG THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED. THIS WAS THE APPROACH SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD PROPOSED IN HIS JULY 22 SPEECH. ONE COULD NOT REALISTICALLY EXPECT TO ACHIEVE A PEACE SETTLEMENT WITHOUT SUCH DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS. WE WOULD HOPE THE GDR WILL USE ITS INFLUENCE TO MOVE ITS ALLIES AND FRIENDS IN THIS DIRECTION. IN THIS REGARD

WE WOULD BE FOLLOWING CLOSELY THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE KOREAN QUESTION IN THE UNGA AND THE ROLE GDR PLAYS IN THE MATTER. DCM LEFT A COPY OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SPEECH WITH ROSE, WHO SAID HE WAS AWARE OF THE SPEECH BUT DID NOT SAY HE HAD READ IT.

5. COMMENT: ROSE'S DEFENSE OF GDR CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE AUGUST 16 RESOLUTION WAS IN NO WAY APOLOGETIC, ALTHOUGH HE GAVE NO INDICATION HOW ACTIVELY THE GDR WOULD BE SUPPORTING IT AT THE UNGA. WE WERE TOLD EARLIER THIS WEEK BY THE DUTCH DCM THAT, AT A RECENT DINNER WITH DUTCH EMBASSY OFFICERS , ROSE TOOK A " WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT" CONFIDENTIAL

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LINE ABOUT SUPPORT FOR THE AUGUST 16 RESOLUTION. ACCORDING TO THE DUTCH, ROSE WAS IMPLYING THAT THE GDR FELT IT HAD TO FOLLOW THE LINE SET BY MOSCOW. ROSE SAID HE WOULD BE ATTENDING THE UNGA SESSION, ARRIVING ABOUT SEPTEMBER 25 AND REMAINING UNTIL SOME TIME IN NOVEMBER. COOPER

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